



Mater Dei High School

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August Back to School 2020 Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the start of the 2020-2021 school year at Mater Dei High School! We, the faculty and staff of Mater Dei, are proud to continue the tradition of academic excellence. If you are a first-time Wildcat, we look forward to you joining us in this process.

We are committed to the health and safety of all students and personnel who enter our doors. This newsletter includes essential information for the upcoming year including our school's re-opening plan and re-opening quick guide. Other COVID-19 resources are listed on our website: www.materdeiwildcats.com. As always, if you have questions regarding our safety procedures, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.



As a diocese, we are transitioning to a new Student Information System. We are no longer using Sycamore. This summer we migrated data into PowerSchool and into Titan. You will be able to access PowerSchool much like you did for Sycamore and will be able to retrieve information about your student's classes and grades. Titan is the cafeteria component. Parental access letters will be sent out soon (if they haven't been sent already).

As we work to learn the new system, we will try our best to facilitate the transition for you. We know that there will be issues and we ask for your patience as we, too, familiarize ourselves with the new system. With that being said, if you need assistance in navigating the system, please contact someone in the Main Office.

We look forward to a successful year together. Please continue to pray for us - we will be praying for you!

Important Upcoming Dates for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

August 3 & 4	Book Pick-Up Days
August 5	Freshmen & Sophomores only - Red Day
August 6	Juniors & Seniors only - Red Day
August 7	All Students report - Gold Day
August 14	School Pictures
September 7	Labor Day - No School

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From the Bookstore

Submitted by Mr. Shane Goedde

You (or your student) will need to come to the cafeteria on Monday, August 3 from 10:00 am-12 noon or 1:00-5:00 pm or on Tuesday, August 4 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon or 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm to pick up your books. When you come to the cafeteria, simply collect your books and Mr. Goedde will check them out. You can then put them into your locker - please bring your locks. Locks will be issued to the freshmen in the cafeteria. Class schedules will be released on PowerSchool. We will also have a copy for you when you arrive. If a schedule needs to be changed, the office will be open from 8:00 am-2:00 pm on August 3 & 4 to assist you. Please email Mr. Goedde at sgoedde@evdio.org with questions.



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2020-2021 Tuition

Submitted by Mrs. Karen Liley, Business Manager

Tuition payments in full or through the FACTs payment plan agreements were due July 20. If you have not paid your 2020-21 tuition or have not yet set up a payment plan, please look for an email from FACTs management with a link to your online tuition statement account to set up a payment agreement. Call the Business Office if you have any questions about paying your 2020-21 tuition. Books and class schedules may be picked up on the scheduled distribution date after full payment or a payment plan has been completed. In addition, if there are any outstanding tuition or lunch balances from 2019-2020 school year, please contact the Business Office to make payment arrangements so you can pick up your student's class schedule and books. 812-426-2258, Ext. 365

Cafeteria Lunches

Submitted by Tonya Schenk, Cafeteria Manager

Due to time constraints and efficiency in the lunch lines, students will only be offered Grade A meals during the lunch periods. Students may choose either a hot entree, a chef salad or an uncrustable PB & J with 4 sides plus milk. Uncrustable PB & Js will be offered as a second entree that students may purchase in addition to the Grade A. Nutrigrain bars, granola bars, etc. may also be purchased in the mornings before 6:50 am if a student wishes to keep it for later (lunch time or after school). As we work through issues, hopefully we can start to add items to the food line in the near future.

Titan - Cafeteria

Submitted by Kendal Schmidt, Bookkeeper

For lunch accounts, you can still send in cash or check payment in an envelope to the school with "Attn: Cafe Payment." Envelopes can be dropped off in the cafeteria in the mornings. In addition, you can make credit card payments on Titan. **Please note:** Titan charges a fee of \$2.60 per credit/debit card transaction. Also, unfortunately we are no longer able to take credit card lunch payments over the phone. Titan's software does not have this capability like Sycamore did.

Free and Reduced Lunch Information

Submitted by Mrs. Sheila Spaulding

Below is information regarding the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. If you have computer access, this year you will be able to apply for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program via your Titan login, but we will still process the paper forms as well. If you feel you qualify, applications should be submitted as soon as possible. However, if your financial situation changes during the school year, you can apply at any time. If you have further questions, please contact Mrs. Spaulding in the main office or Mrs. Karen Liley in the business office.

[Instructions for Free-Reduced application](#)

[Free-Reduced Lunch Application](#)

Mater Dei Re-Opening Plan

Click [here](#) to see our Re-opening Plan or [here](#) to refer to our Quick Guide to Re-opening. Both documents outline our daily safety procedures during the pandemic.

A couple of side notes:

- Students' masks should be Catholic school appropriate (i.e. not distracting to the other students or teachers). This will be the administrators' discretion.
- Water bottles from home should be clear bottles.

Please monitor your children each morning using the following guidelines from the Indiana State Department of Health:

COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check the following:

1 Your student does **NOT** have a fever greater than 100.4 degrees (may be lower based on your school's policy) OR lower if your child is not feeling well.

2 Other signs of illness such as:



CONGESTION
OR RUNNY NOSE



FEVER 100.4*
*or school board policy
if threshold is lower



COUGH



SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR
DIFFICULTY BREATHING



DIARRHEA



HEADACHE



NAUSEA
OR VOMITING



SORE THROAT



MUSCLE PAIN
AND FATIGUE



CHILLS



NEW LOSS OF TASTE
OR SMELL

3 Were you in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last two weeks?

➔ If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, begin quarantine of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.

Updated:7/8/20



2020-2021 School Calendar

To download the Mater Dei school calendar for next year, click on the following link:

[2020-2021 School Calendar](#)

Parking Permits

Submitted by Mrs. Jeanne Thomas, Student Council Adviser

The application for a student parking permit is attached in this newsletter. Please click the link below. To avoid having to stand in line at school, place the completed application, the \$15 registration fee, and a printed screenshot of the student's driver's license in an envelope. Turn in that envelope to either Mrs. Thomas or the main office.

[Parking Application](#)



Tomorrow's Work Force

Submitted by Mrs. Mallory Hertel, Director of Advancement

Applications for the Tomorrow's WorkForce Scholarship from all qualifying seniors are due by August 5th at 5PM. They are to be submitted electronically via Google Forms. All seniors received an email to apply in July. Please contact Mallory Hertel: mhertel@evdio.org or Shea Reneer: sreneer@evdio.org with questions.

Youth First

Submitted by Mrs. Valorie Dassel, Youth First Social Worker

The staff at Mater Dei is so excited to see all of our students return for the school year. We recognize that the return to school may be a difficult transition for many of our students. The Youth First website, www.youthfirstinc.org, has many articles and videos that offer ways to support your child and your family. The articles include topics on ways to help your child transition back to school, healthy coping skills for adults and students, and many additional topics. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns for your child. We are looking forward to a great school year.

Health Information

Submitted by Mrs. Julie McGrew

Freshman must have physical and up to date immunizations submitted to the office by the beginning of school. If your appointment is after school starts, please indicate that when you return your parent pack.

Seniors must have up to date immunizations submitted to the office by the beginning of school.

The Indiana State Department of Health and the IDOE mandates that ALL families receive the following information regarding meningococcal disease and pertussis. Please take the time to read this important information.

[Pertussis Parent Letter](#)

[Meningococcal Parent Letter](#)

Student Absences

Reporting a Student Absence

Parents should call the Attendance Office by 8:00 a.m. to report a student absence along with the reason for the absence. If you are unable to reach someone in the office, please leave a detailed message with the name, grade and detailed reason for the absence. All mailboxes will be checked regularly throughout the day.

If a student will miss all or part of a day due to a medical appointment, the Main Office should have written notification of the scheduled appointment prior to the beginning of the school day of the scheduled appointment. Upon return to school, the student should provide a note from the doctor, dentist or other health care provider for the absence to be excused.

In order to practice or participate in an extracurricular or athletic practice or event, a student MUST BE in school for the ENTIRE DAY. Missing more than 30 minutes of class is considered an absence; therefore the student would not be eligible to practice or participate in after school activities.

Doctor, dental or other medical appointments verified with a note from the medical office will be counted as excused absences.

Student Appointments During the School Day

If your student needs to leave school for an appointment during the school day, please send a note with the time the student needs to be picked up or leave school. These notes are filed as part of our attendance records.

Students should bring their notes to the Main Office before classes begin. We will give them a dismissal slip and the student can leave class at the designated time. This eliminates interruptions to classroom instruction.

Student Picture Day is Friday, August 14

Straub Photography will begin taking student pictures at 7:00 am. Picture order forms will be sent home in the Student Packets on the first day of school. New students will receive the Student Packet at Orientation. Please return your order form including payment with your student on picture day.



ATTIRE:

Boys must wear a long sleeve dress shirt with tie and uniform pants for their photos. Girls are expected to dress professionally but may wear uniform pants with a professional style blouse or top. (Please follow dress code for the Alternate Dress Days in the Student Handbook/Agenda.)

Mater Dei-Ville Student Council Elections

Submitted by Mrs. Jeanne Thomas, Student Council Advisor

Since we were unable to hold the Mater Dei-ville elections in April for mayor, clerk, judge, and councilpersons-at-large, we will hold the elections this coming Saturday through Tuesday, August 1 - 4, through Google Forms.

All sophomores, juniors, and seniors will receive an email today (Friday) containing short campaign videos from the four candidates for mayor and clerk. The link to vote on Google Forms will be sent via email on Saturday morning. Voting will end on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. Please encourage your students to check their school emails, to watch the videos, and to vote.

Candidates for this weekend's election -

Mayor: Meredith Hagerty vs Greg Mayer

Clerk: Mary Eppler vs Allie Rusk

Judge: Blaise Kelley (unopposed)

Junior Councilperson-at-large: Collin Maurer vs. Morgan Wilmes

Athletic News

Submitted by Joe Herrmann, Athletic Director

IHSAA Physicals

Everyone will need an updated 2020-2021 updated IHSAA physical on file in the athletic office before their first open facility or practice. If you have a 2019-2020 physical on file in the athletic office, you will just need to fill out the IHSAA supplemental consent and release certificate form before attending your first open facility or practice. Both forms are attached here: [Consent & Release Form](#) and [Physical Form](#). The following link has both forms on the IHSAA website: <https://www.ihsaa.org/Schools/Forms>.

Girls Golf

Submitted by Coach Rohleder

Attention ladies! The girls golf season is just barely a month away! We will officially kick off the season with our first day of practice at Helfrich Hills golf course on Friday, July 31. Practices will be held at Helfrich throughout the season and begin after school at 3:00. We have competitive matches and tournaments scheduled almost every week from the beginning of August through September, so there are plenty of opportunities to play! To any and all girls interested in playing golf this fall, please contact coach Gabe Rohleder at gabrieljrohleder@gmail.com for more information. I will be sending out more information, especially dealing with the challenges of Covid. Looking forward to seeing you on the links!

Boys Tennis

Submitted by Coach Clements

The first day of practice for Boys Tennis is Monday August 3rd 4-6 PM; then as soon as school starts it will be 3-5 PM. There will not be an in-person parent meeting this year but I will send out information on the message system. Practices will be every weekday 3-5. To get important messages and updates about Boys Tennis, please get on the message list (parents and students) by texting @mdboystns to 81010. The IHSAA Health History Update Questionnaire and Consent & Release Certificate must be emailed to me before August 3rd or you will not be allowed to attend practice. I will send it out on the message system or I can email it to you directly. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Be sure to get a large water jug and bring it full each day along with your face covering. Coach Christine Clements MaterDeiTennis@gmail.com

Softball

Submitted by Coach Kerker

Any incoming freshman interested in playing softball that has not already been contacted by Coach Kerker or the MD Softball Booster Club, please reach out to coach via email: kk190@evansville.edu

Academic All State Spring 2020

Softball

Jordan Hill - academic all state honorable mention

Sabrina Henderson - academic all state honorable mention

Girls Track

Katie Boots - academic all state honorable mention

Boys Track

Jered Blanton - academic all state

Dakx Lannert - academic all state honorable mention

Baseball

Sam Doepker - academic all state

Dane Babillis - academic all state

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